

CLAIMS

1 An articulated lorry trailer comprising an enclosed elongate material-carrying container carried upon a chassis having a plurality of road wheels; wherein the container has a floor, a rear and two side walls, a roof and a front having an access door therein, wherein the interior surfaces of the container are substantially flat; wherein the interior of the container includes a transverse moveable wall or headboard defining a cavity between the said wall or headboard and the access door wherein the moveable wall or headboard is advanceable between a first position adjacent the access door wherein the capacity of the cavity is at a minimum and a second position remote the access door in which the capacity of the cavity is at a maximum; and wherein the container further comprises transport means to cause longitudinal transport of material placed within the cavity;

characterised in that an aperture is provided in the roof of the container generally adjacent the access door and a cover is provided moveable between a first position covering the aperture and a second position wherein the aperture is unobstructed.

2 A trailer as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the transport means comprises a walking floor.

3. A trailer as claimed in Claim 1 or Claim 2 wherein a sheet, preferably of canvas, is attached to the bottom edge of the moveable wall or headboard.

4. A trailer as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the cover has two wheels extending transversely outwardly from each side edge of the cover, each wheel engaging a respective horizontal longitudinal channel formed in respective channel assemblies mounted on the roof of the container either side of the aperture.

5. A trailer as claimed in Claim 4 wherein each channel of each channel assembly comprises a substantially horizontal portion and an inclined portion, the inclined portion being at that end of each channel most adjacent to the aperture and being downwardly orientated with respect to the horizontal portion.

6. A trailer as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein movement of the cover between

said first and second positions is remotely actuated by means of hydraulic or pneumatic rams or pistons.

7 A material delivery and waste collection system for a premises; the system comprising (i) providing at least two, wheeled, enclosed elongate material-carrying containers each having a floor, a rear and two side walls, a roof having a coverable aperture therein and a front access door and having transport means to cause longitudinal transport of material placed within the container; (ii) providing the premises with a delivery bay for transfer of materials from a first such container into the premises; and (iii) providing the premises with at least one waste collection bay wherein the waste collection bay includes an output for expulsion of waste material into a second such container through the aperture in the roof thereof.

8. A delivery and collection system as claimed in Claim 7 wherein each wheeled container is a trailer as claimed in claim 1.

9. A delivery and collection system as claimed in Claim 7 wherein each wheeled container is a trailer as claimed in claim 2.